



CE NEWS

Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Webinars

You Don't Want to Miss

- [Public Librarians Chat, June 10th](#)
- [The Changing Landscape of Library Privacy, June 15](#)

Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:						
The Librarian as Candidate: Activating Activists for Funding, and Election Day Outcomes						
Wed, Jun 1, 2016 7:00am						
How to Lead Your Library, Part Two: Organizational Politics						
Wed, Jun 1, 2016 9:00am						
Six Reasons Why Infographics Matter						
Thu, Jun 2, 2016 8:00am						
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Are you new to librarianship?

[The School Public Library Collaborative Library \(SPCL\) Training](#) is an intensive weeklong workshop providing management and foundational library skills to non-certified school library paraprofessionals and public library directors without Master's degrees in Library Science. SPCL will held on the University of Alaska, Fairbanks campus July 25-29th, 2016.

SPCL Participation forms due June 20, 2016

[Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)

It's Time to update *A Manual for Small Libraries in Alaska*

In 1977, the Alaska State Library published *Small libraries in Alaska: a manual for small libraries in Alaska* a 48-page how-to handbook and reference guide for rural librarians, compiled by Mary Matthews. In 1987 Audrey Kolb, a consultant for the Alaska State Library, wrote *A Manual for Small Libraries in Alaska*. Kolb intended her manual to serve as a guide for library directors and staff without an MLIS degree. Her manual promoted rural librarianship as a profession and has served as the quintessential training guide, reference resource and handbook for rural Alaskan library directors. In 1992 a 2nd edition of *A Manual for Small Libraries in Alaska* was published which Kolb stated in her introduction as incorporating many of the "excellent suggestions for additional materials and for expansion of topics." A recent search on WorldCat identified 22 libraries in Alaska still hold a copy of the 2nd edition of the manual; an indication of the manual's continued usefulness.

The issues that initially led Audrey Kolb to write *A Manual for Small Libraries in Alaska* persist. Many libraries in Alaska are managed by volunteers and staff without formal library training and there is a need for a foundational library handbook specifically addressing their needs. Fortunately, advancements in technology make it possible to now publish an updated and expanded version of *A Manual for Small Libraries in Alaska* online. Publishing the manual online will ease the editing and revision process. An online version of the manual will be easily accessible.

Next week, we will be sharing a link to an online survey and asking library directors, library staff and library volunteers to share their ideas and suggestions for additional topics and materials which should be added to the manual. We are also seeking librarians interested in contributing to the writing of the revised edition of *A Manual for Small Libraries in Alaska*. If you are interested in contributing to the manual, please contact Julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov